



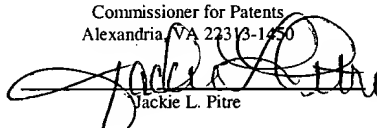
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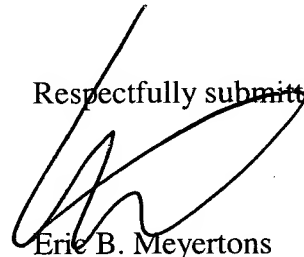
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26. A fee authorization for the required fee is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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